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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service - Permits Operations  
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**INITIAL APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL VESSEL OPERATOR PERMIT**

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

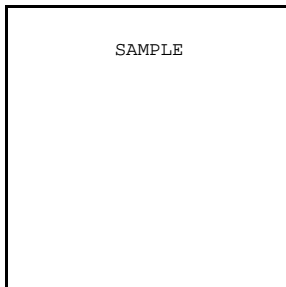
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HAIR COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ EYE COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE TWO (2) CURRENT COLOR ID SIZE PHOTOS OF YOURSELF:**



**TO AVOID A DELAY IN PROCESSING, PLEASE INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED.**

I AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT ALL INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IN OBTAINING THIS LICENSE IS TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL FISHERIES LAWS AND REGULATIONS MAY SUBJECT ME TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES INCLUDING FINE AND/OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE. FURTHER, AS A CONDITION OF THIS OPERATOR'S PERMIT, I AGREE THAT IF THIS PERMIT IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED PURSUANT TO 15 CFR PART 904, I WILL NOT BE ON BOARD A FEDERALLY PERMITTED FISHING VESSEL IN ANY CAPACITY WHILE THE VESSEL IS AT SEA OR ENGAGED IN OFFLOADING. IN OBTAINING THIS OPERATOR'S PERMIT, I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST COMPLY WITH CURRENT LAW, WHICH REQUIRES THAT I BE A U.S. CITIZEN TO SERVE AS MASTER OR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF A DECK WATCH ON A U.S. DOCUMENTED FISHING VESSEL FISHING INSIDE THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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